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## Arts get nearly \$15,000 in grants

By Aaron Stovall  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern received nearly \$15,000 through grants for art funding from the Illinois Arts Council for the 2005 spring semester.

### Where the money goes

♦ Tarble Arts Center:  
**\$9,320**

♦ Visual arts residency program:  
**\$2,875**

♦ 'Celebration' arts festival:  
**\$1,990**

♦ Total:  
**\$14,185**

The council awarded 848 grants this year, totalling \$9.1 million, to schools who filled out applications and sent them in on time.

"The money for the grants comes from the council's budget, which is funded by the state of Illinois and the National Endowment for the Arts," said Ann Ridge, director of marketing and public relations for the council.

All public and private schools, colleges and universities are eligible to apply to the council for funding of projects that are open to the public, Ridge said.

Not all schools receive the same amount of money. The grant application is submitted to the council and reviewed by a panel of arts professionals who rank the application according to uniform criteria. This rank is factored with the request amount and current year budget to determine a grant amount, Ridge said.

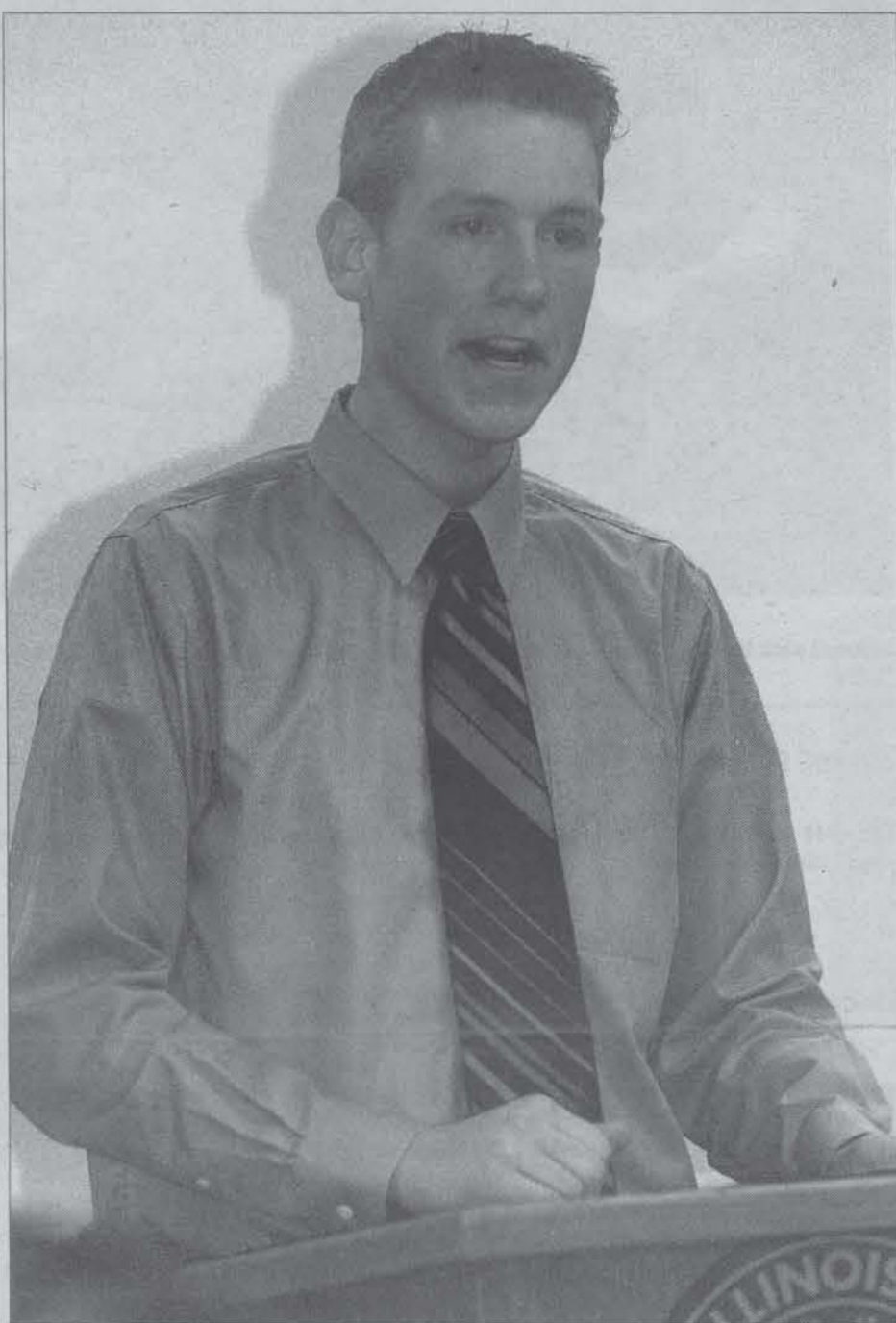
"The arts are vital to the personal growth of Illinois' citizens and to the economic growth of our state," Ridge said.

The grant money is divided into three separate areas.

The Tarble Arts Center received \$9,320 for general operating support. Kit Morice, curator of education at Tarble, said the grants help pay for hosting workshops and for bringing in artists for shows and lectures.

"The grants we receive from the Illinois Arts Council make it possible for us to offer a diverse selection of exhibitions and programs throughout the year," Morice said.

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JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Speaker of the Senate Ryan Berger delivers his State of the Senate Address Wednesday night in the Arcola/Tuscola room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Berger was also reelected as speaker for the Spring semester.

## Student Senate orders up a double Berger

### Speaker defeats pair of challengers for re-election

By Brian O'Malley  
STAFF WRITER

Ryan Berger, junior political science major, was re-elected as Student Senate Speaker Wednesday.

The Student Senate Speaker runs the senate meetings, oversees all senate committees and acts as a voting member.

It is the only position that is not elected by the student body, rather the Student Senate.

Berger defeated senate members Jeff Collier and former speaker George Lesica. The vote was 14-7-2.

"Basically this has been my passion and my life," Berger said. "This was my whole life this semester."

Senate member Keila Lacy spoke to the senate on Berger's behalf with reasons why Berger should retain the position.

"(Berger) cares about Student Senate," Lacy said. "Berger has often been a breath of fresh air in the senate."

Berger also gave his State of the Senate address at the beginning of the meeting.

"This senate is headed in the right direction," Berger said. "Next semester I ask each and every one of you to become a group player."

Berger said that many senate members resigned this semester, but new senate members helped make everybody's job easier.

"Just knowing that someone is willing to lead and learn at the same time makes me happy," he said. "We continued to get motivated and set our goals high. That type of mentality is what makes us strong."

Student Body President Chris Getty also gave his State of the University address.

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## Blagojevich increases cost for state IDs

By Hillary Settle  
CITY EDITOR

The cost for state identification cards will be increased \$16 starting Jan. 1 as part of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's fee increase plan.

"It is consistent with the current cost of receiving a driver's license," said Becky Carroll, communications director for the governor's office of management and budgets. "We just wanted to make that fee comparable to its sister fee and generate some

new revenue during some tough fiscal times."

The fee for IDs will increase from \$4 to \$20, said Beth Kaufman, deputy press secretary for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

IDs will still remain free for people

who are 65 years and older and people who have disabilities, Kaufman said.

"There are always increased costs associated with administering any kind of program," Carroll said.

SEE IDS PAGE 9A

## Hit-and-run injures local teen

By Hillary Settle  
CITY EDITOR

A local teen left the scene of an accident Tuesday after hitting a pedestrian at the intersection of E Street and Lincoln Ave.

Charleston resident Sean McWilliams, 16, is being charged with failure to give information and render aid after a traffic accident and leaving the scene of an accident with personal injury.

After hitting 14-year-old Jeffrey Gaston, another Charleston resident, McWilliams proceeded to

drive his vehicle home despite damage to the windshield, Charleston police officer William Lawler said.

As of Wednesday night, Lawler said Gaston had not sustained any major injuries, but he was transferred to Carle Hospital in Champaign today where he is listed in stable condition.

McWilliams, who was listed as a suspect, came forward today, Lawler said.

Lt. Rick Fisher contributed to the investigation of the crime.



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Charleston paramedics and police officers treat the victim of a hit-and-run accident between a car and a pedestrian at the intersection of E Street and Lincoln Avenue near County Market Tuesday night.



**TODAY**  
**55**  
**44**  
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**FRIDAY**  
**49**  
**38**  
Showers/wind

**SATURDAY**  
**46**  
**36**  
Mostly cloudy

**SUNDAY**  
**54**  
**31**  
Few showers

**MONDAY**  
**40**  
**25**  
Partly cloudy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2004

### CAMPUS EVENTS

## Retirement reception to be held for longtime Eastern employee

STAFF REPORT

A retirement reception will be held today for Jane Lasky, a professor of library science at Eastern who is retiring after 31 years of service for the university.

Lasky has held various posts in Booth Library over the years said Dan Crews, director of public relations for the College of Arts and Humanities.

She currently works with both the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Sciences, "crunching numbers, filling out assignment duty forms" and more, said Jeffrey Lynch, associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

The reception will be from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center Atrium and will include a presentation that can be described as "a little special something" for Lasky, Lynch said.

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## Four 'apprentices' left to Trump each other

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Donald Trump has fired the field of 15 candidates down to the final four on the second season of NBC's "The Apprentice."

Following their firings, many candidates expressed not-so-nice comments about software executive Kelly Perdew, 37, the oldest "Apprentice" contestant.

"Personally, I don't care for the guy," Chris Russo, who was fired in week 10 of the 15-week job interview, told The Associated Press after his dismissal.

Other fired candidates have expressed similar sentiments, with outspoken Raj Bhakta taking his disapproval a step further. "He's just like a pretty humanless fellow," Bhakta told the AP. "He lacks any chutzpah."

Andy Litinsky, who went head-to-head with Perdew as an opposing project manager, agreed with Bhakta.

"As far as Kelly's likeability factor, I don't want to get negative," Litinsky said. "I would say Raj's characterization is correct."

On Thursday's upcoming episode, the final four candidates will go through a series of interviews with executives such as Dawn Hudson, president of Pepsi-Cola North America, and Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots.

Following the boardroom grilling, two candidates will be eliminated. The two remaining candidates will each organize a charity polo match and basketball tournament with the help of fired candidates.

The winner will hear the words "you're hired" during the live three-hour finale broadcast Dec. 16.

## THE FINALS COUNTDOWN



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students pack the Gregg Triad Computer Lab Wednesday night trying to finish up homework for the last couple days of class.

### ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers if Friday's story on the alleged rape of an Eastern student at Tennessee-Martin should have been published...

A) Yes B) No C) Unsure

VOTE @ THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS.COM

### WTF?

## Man allegedly attacks store clerk with burger

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCHESTER, N.H. — Tony Carr wanted to pay for his burger. Instead, police say, he ended up smooching the microwaved patty in a store clerk's face. Police have issued an arrest warrant for Carr, 37, of Berwick, Maine. He's charged with simple assault and criminal mischief, both misdemeanors.

Investigators say Carr got angry on Nov. 28 when the clerk at a Cumberland Farms would not allow him to pay for a hamburger while it was heating in the store

microwave. Police said the clerk, Scott Litzenberger, told Carr he had to bring the burger to the counter 15 feet away to pay for it.

After a sharp exchange of words, the man walked back to the microwave, removed the steaming burger and walked back to Litzenberger.

The two apparently exchanged a few brief words again, when the customer, "just lost it," according to another clerk. Instead of paying for it, Carr shoved it into the clerk's face, burning his face and eye, police Sgt. Anthony Triano said.

### TODAY'S EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD** 10 A.M. OLD MAIN FOYER  
Featuring four holiday trees, international treats and holiday music. Donations of canned food items will be accepted.

**STRESS FREE ZONE** 2 P.M. UNIVERSITY UNION WALKWAY  
Health education resource center offering free massages until 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S EVENTS

**TOYS FOR TOTS JAMBOREE** 8 P.M. 7TH STREET UNDERGROUND  
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### COUNTING DOWN

**39**

Days until Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is observed.

### WORD DU JOUR

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2. a statement or representation published without just cause and tending to expose another to public contempt
3. the publication of blasphemous, treasonable, seditious, or obscene writings

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## Finding a new community over the Internet

By **CARRIE HOLLIS**  
STAFF WRITER

Let's face it. The latest craze on the Internet is more than just the average instant messaging profile, and it is taking campuses by storm.

The Web site, which is [www.thefacebook.com](http://www.thefacebook.com), founded by Mark Zuckerberg, is an online directory and social networking community which helps students search for other students at colleges and universities. With over 250 colleges nationwide already as members, is Eastern bound to be swept up in it?

"It's a great network because you can meet and talk to tons of people," said Nick Nigliazzo, a senior business administration major at Illinois State University.

In order for Eastern to become a part of this networking Web site, it must go through a certain process. Students must first send e-mails suggesting the school be involved since the site's administrators add schools based on the number of requests.

According to the Web site, students should send the information regarding the school, including the location of the school, number of students enrolled, form of the students' e-mail addresses, a list of all areas on and off campus where a student could live and a full list of majors and departments.

Once a school is accepted for Facebook, students can set up their own profiles with information ranging from the student's name and basic info to the classes they are taking and their own personal message board. Members can also pick and choose the friends they want to be able to associate with through this Web site.

"It has some really useful features: birthday reminders, groups, classes and messages," said Steve Miles, a secondary education major at University of Illinois.

The site ensures students the right to privacy by "letting each individual set their own profiles and privacy settings," according to the Web site's privacy statement. The Web site administrators reserve the right to edit or delete any pictures or text that might be offensive or copyrighted.

Like blogs and other personal profiles, students spend time updating and searching for other people in their school.

"Actually I didn't want to start one because I thought it was stupid," said Julie Vicars, an elementary education major at the University of Illinois. "But my friend made me one and now I'm addicted."

Although Eastern is not yet a member of thefacebook.com, students have heard about this latest Internet craze and have begun e-mailing the Web site in hopes of beginning a new trend.

"Obviously, I don't have one, but my boyfriend and all his friends do, and whenever I am at Indiana University, I get addicted," said Andie Andersen, a junior physical education major at Eastern.

Students who are interested in starting up Facebook at Eastern can e-mail the school's information to [newschool@thefacebook.com](mailto:newschool@thefacebook.com) or log onto [www.thefacebook.com](http://www.thefacebook.com) for more details.

## Lightwalk shines on campus safety

By **LAMON WOODS**  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's annual Lightwalk, where administrators and members of the Student Senate check the campus for dark and potentially unsafe areas, will be held today.

Past Lightwalks have included members of Campus Facilities Planning and Management, Student Senate, University Police Department and President Lou Hencken.

Although the actual walk is conducted by mostly administrators, Gary Reed of Facilities Planning and Management says student feedback is what makes the Lightwalk so important.

"You guys are the ones that tell us," Reed said. "If there is a spot where there is not a light, or a light is out, and you as a student feel it is unsafe, we will either fix it or make

sure a light is put in that spot."

Items installed in the past have included lights put in Stevenson Court, lights near McAfee Gymnasium, and blue light emergency phones located at various locations on campus.

Preliminary spots already targeted for this year's walk include a number of places where lights are out. But blue emergency phones top the list, according to Rachael Savas, a Student Senate member.

"We've already heard from students that more blue light emergency phones are needed," Savas said. "Spots behind the Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Kappa houses in Greek Court have been mentioned as of now."

Since the Lightwalk is an annual event, improvements are constantly being made all over campus, something Reed feels will be no different this time around.

"Over the years we've made tremendous improvements," Reed said. "We've been pretty good in keeping the campus lit, but, of course, there is always room for improvements, and we usually deal with those once they're found."

Of all the feedback administrators receive, the feedback from female students may be the most important, added Reed.

"We really want to know where (female students) feel unsafe and possibly worried if they are walking alone at night and take care of those spots immediately," Reed said.

It is uncertain how quickly these improvements will be made, but in the past they have usually been taken care of immediately or when the funding is available.

The walk will begin 4 p.m. today outside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and move across the campus, Savas said.

## Cartoons aren't just for kids anymore

### Student organizations direct their attention to Japanese anime

By **LINDSEY DUNTON**  
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

The general mentality is cartoons are for children, but these days, animated television covers a larger and sometimes older audience.

One of the latest trends among college campuses around the country is an interest in Japanese animation, also known as anime.

Eastern is one of many college campuses that facilitates a recognized student organization called the Japanese Animation Society who focus on viewing and discussing anime.

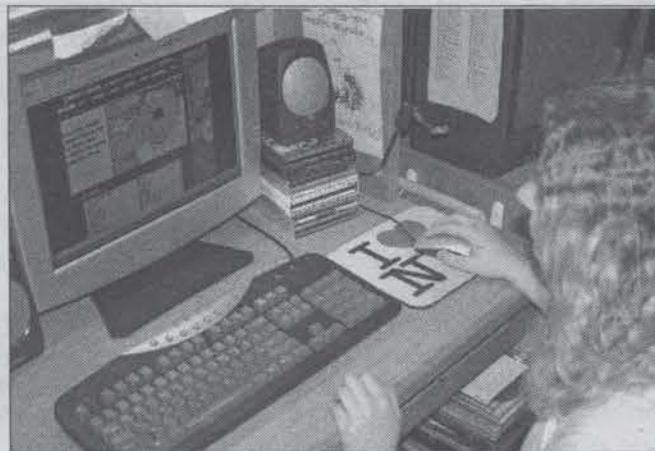
"Japanese animation deals with subjects that normal television doesn't deal with," said Rachel Ens, a junior geology major and president of Eastern's Japanese Animation Society. "Some subjects appeal to college students because they are really far out there and are subjects that Americans don't touch."

According to Ens, the 14 members in the Japanese Animation Society democratically vote on what the group is going to watch at meetings, which are from 5 to 9 p.m. every Friday in Coleman Hall.

"We watch anything from comedies to dramas to science fiction," Ens said. "After watching the film, we then discuss its style and if we like it."

Universities including Eastern, Harvard, Yale, University of Michigan, University of Chicago and University of Massachusetts-Amherst make up only a small percentage of colleges that have student groups dedicated to anime or manga, the comic form of anime.

"We started our group in the early '90s to provide a relaxing environment for students," said Miranda Davidson, a senior economics major and president of the University of Massachusetts-



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Korinn Eisenberg, a sophomore finance and marketing major, checks out the Family Guy link on the Adult Swim Web site in her room Wednesday evening.**

Amherst's Japanese Animation and Manga Society.

Davidson's organization shows a variety of anime videos, as well as manga, to its members. One of Davidson's favorite anime videos is "Karekeno," which translates to "his and her circumstance."

"Karekeno deals with two characters' relationships as they enter high school," Davidson said. "It discusses interaction with new students, and this can relate to college also."

Some colleges have even devoted full-semester classes to anime and its subject matter. Portland State University offers a class entitled "Japanese Animation and Manga," University of Rochester offers "Japanese Animation (Anime)," and the University of Michigan offers a class called "Anime."

Davidson and Ens both agree Japanese animation is popular among college students because they have not completely grown out of their childhood.

"Students enjoy it because it is something different," Davidson said. "They get to see something from a different country's perspective."

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5:00 7:30 10:10

NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 3:50 6:45 9:40

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### COLUMN

## "Chreaster Christian" and proud of it



**MATTHEW MEINHEIT**  
SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

Meinheit is former Editor in Chief for The Daily Eastern News.

The holiday season is upon us. It is a time of year when people miraculously rediscover their faith. Some would consider myself to be one of these neophytes who cast aside their pagan ways for the holiest of holidays.

Of course, I am referring to what several of my friends refer to as "Chreaster Christians." For those not familiar with the concept, it is when a person only attends church for Christmas and Easter. This is an accurate description of my church attendance habits.

My parents made a deal with me when I was younger: I had to go to Sunday School every week until I was confirmed, and then I was free to do what I wanted. My mom has the perfect attendance pins to show I held up my end of the bargain for about a decade, and for the past seven years my parents have been holding up their end.

After I was confirmed, my attendance steadily decreased. The desire to sleep in on Sundays and the uncomfortable pews were a few of the factors leading to my disregard for the third commandment, or whatever one says to keep the Sabbath holy.

The main reason I stopped attending church is services are depressing. I'm not talking about boring sermons, the Old Testament and hokey hymns; I'm talking about going to church and looking around at the other people in the congregation. I only saw a few people there looking for inspiration.

I saw people going out of force of habit. I saw people looking for reassurance that they were not the only person who believes in this higher being mumbo jumbo. I saw a scheme to milk people out of their money in the name of the Lord.

Church was not a place where I felt God's love. Church was a building where people went to every week because there were taking a collection of books detailing events that may or may not have actually happened for gospel.

So I stopped going. Now I'm not saying people who go to church every Sunday are suckers. People should go to church if it inspires them. I have friends that come back from church and say it's the best part of the week because the service is so inspiring. But I also know there are people who come back from church and it's the best part of their week because it's the point of the week that is farthest from more church.

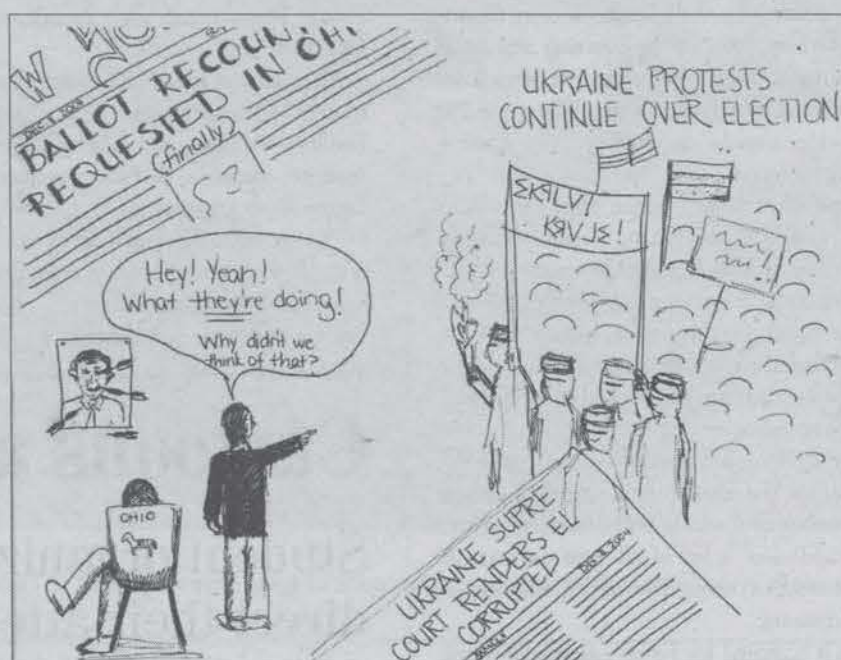
I do go to church on Christmas and Easter. But it is not because I feel I have to. It is because those are the few days I actually feel inspired by church. Every Christmas Eve my church back home holds a beautiful candlelit ceremony that never fails to bring out some kind of emotion.

Faith is different for every person. It is not what somebody said two millennia ago. It is how people feel about their own spirituality. People can go to church and believe in God, Allah, Buddha, etc. and people don't have to go to church and still believe in whatever they want.

Faith is meant to inspire. If it doesn't, what is the point of spending an hour each Sunday listening to someone tell me why I'm going to Hell? I have my roommates for that, and I see them every day.

**"Faith is different for every person. It is not what somebody said two millennia ago. It is how each person feels about their own spirituality."**

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KATE GILLEN



### EDITORIAL

## Journalism censorship unfair

The *University Press*, a student newspaper at Florida Atlantic University, documented how the student government not only secretly gave itself a 25 percent retroactive pay raise, but soon after was able to publish a story on how the student government tried to strong-arm the paper into silence.

The pay raise article was published on Dec. 2 and raised many objections by the student government, who are also responsible for dispensing university funding to organizations such as the student newspaper.

In response to the article, the student government took action to not only terminate the employment of Michael Koretzky, adviser to the paper, but also to gain authority to select future editors.

An important role of any journalist is to be fair and report the truth. Control of the newspaper by another organization would only provide conflicts of interest and a censorship of the news reported.

We have been aware of this story for a couple weeks now; however, with the incidents of Friday that now dominate this page and the next, the story has hit home a little more.

#### At issue

Censorship and prior restraint of the media

#### Our stance

Assuming a story is true and properly sourced, there is no reason anyone should stop the news from being reported.

A newspaper's duty is to report the facts good or bad. Whether the story hurts a group or a person the story must be run for the good of the people.

This is especially the case when the story involves the people's money. Student fees being secretly wasted or tax-payer's money being spent on unnecessary projects is one of the most important stories a school newspaper or small-town newspaper can report.

This is why the press is called the fourth estate. They are the watchdogs over the actions of the government be it in Washington, Springfield, Charleston or Old Main.

Even if the story hurts, assuming the story is true and properly sourced, the reporting of the story should not be stopped.

Luckily in Florida cooler heads prevailed and following a six and a half hour hearing, the advisor remained in his position and student government freeze on the selection of the paper's editors was lifted.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THIS COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE AT ANYTIME

I feel that it was important to publish the article about the alleged rape, maybe not on the front page, but definitely somewhere in the paper so other students know about what happens or can happen at parties when drinking is involved.

Yes, it is a personal matter, but if the victim was willing to share her

side of the story, there should be no objections by others.

This is a thing that can happen to any student at any place or time, and it should be made known to other students to "be careful" when drinking at parties, and not to leave with anyone you don't know.

The way I see it, if you don't like it, then don't read it. I myself was a little upset about the fact that I couldn't find a single paper for Friday in the dorm I live in.

The paper is the student's right to free speech and news. Just because there was one article, which other students didn't agree about, they shouldn't have taken away other student's rights to read about the news going on around campus and in other places.

**MICHELLE BARBER**  
SENIOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD ED MAJOR

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED

### PAPER SENSATIONALIZED AN OUTDATED STORY

In the movies, the tireless persistence of a ragged reporter ends in the breaking of a story that shocks the nation.

*The DEN* has certainly covered the sensational story of the week. Only it wasn't the story of this week, last week, or even the week before.

In fact, this story was something dredged up from a few months ago. Enough time has passed for the incident to move from being news to just a juicy scandal. The nation isn't shocked anymore when alcohol + house party = sexual misconduct.

Now *The DEN* staff is upset because First Amendment rights were allegedly violated when copies of the paper containing the story of the alleged rape were appropriated and redistributed. They feel their rights have been violated?

That's great! It's about time the apathy here was replaced with empathy.

In the movie version of this story it would be easy to tell the good guys from the bad. The beginning bars of inspirational music would swell as the camera panned across a bonfire scene. There would be laughing, hugging, and slaps on the back. Everyone would feel good.

I say strike up the band.

LESLIE THOMAS  
2003 EASTERN GRAD

### STORY MAKES UNIVERSITY AND THE MARCHING BAND LOOK BAD

I am upset at the lack of thought that went into the printing of the band trip article. Why? The bias and irrelevance.

Why was it biased? The story seemed extremely critical of all aspects of anything relating to the Eastern marching band (this is in regards to the story before the papers were stolen). *The DEN* seemed intent on degrading the band department by blaming the moderators and band director for the action of intoxicated students.

The moderators and band directors are not babysitters. The band members are all college

students and should take responsibility for their own actions.

Why was it irrelevant? The event occurred on Oct. 24 over a month ago. I am not saying the event itself is irrelevant, but the last time I checked the term "news" refers to a recent event.

You missed the window, so why beat a dead horse? Also, I'd have to agree with Erin O'Connor's letter: Why would you put it on the front page, especially on the open house day?

It obviously reflects poorly on the school and the marching band. Is this somehow supposed to help the university?

Personally, I'd much rather hear the cliché "Fireman rescues cat from tree" story than read about a month old story that only reflects negatively on the school I attend.

I have no problem with *The Daily Eastern News* abiding by its motto to "Tell the truth and don't be afraid." But I urge them to remember that truth isn't biased.

JONATHAN MATTSO  
FRESHMAN COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR

### STORY WAS NEWS AND THE PAPER WAS RIGHT TO PUBLISH IT

It is outrageous that people think it was a bad idea for this story to go into the paper.

It is about time that the students are actually hearing 'real' news. There are so many times that rape is hidden from the public to make the school look great.

This story just welcomes everyone to real life and the problems that go on throughout the world.

The girl's name was never mentioned, and that is why the story was OK to be published.

I would understand why people would be mad if the girl's name was mentioned, but it wasn't. This story just makes more people aware of what situations they can get in.

When I was reading the story all I was thinking about was how can this investigator not think it was rape? Instead of the other band members taking the papers and not letting other students really know what life is like, they should be supporting

this poor girl who has gone through this tragedy.

Trying to hide something like this isn't helping anyone, not even the girl this happened to. I think the paper was right for publishing this.

KATHLEEN PLEGER  
JUNIOR FINANCE MAJOR

### BOTH WERE IN THE WRONG; WE SHOULD ALL MOVE ON

Yes, I am a band member. No, I am not writing to criticize the story. In a sense, both were in the wrong. Both situations could have been handled different.

Maybe the story could have been worded differently to put more emphasis on ways to watch out for rape and less on the fact it happened to a band member over a month ago.

I also think that the fellow band members could have found a more mature way of handling the situation than throwing all the newspapers away. They could have wrote to the editor and told him their thoughts on the matter. Emotions were and still are running high on the controversy of the story.

What's done is done, and hopefully we can all put this behind us and move on.

CHUCK SCHAFER  
FRESHMAN PRE-BUSINESS MAJOR

### TOO MUCH ATTENTION HAS BEEN PUT ON WHAT WOMEN NEED TO DO

I am disappointed how other students have addressed the issue of sexual assault. We have all heard what allegedly happened in Tennessee and feel strongly about it.

What really infuriates me is comments made such as, "Girls can all learn a lesson from this" or "women need to travel in groups" and even "Don't drink ladies because this is what will happen to you."

I keep hearing all the things women need to do. What about the men?

I never read anything warning men not to take advantage of intoxicated women or to keep their

paws to themselves. Why is it only the women's job to prevent rape? What about educating the men?

I would also like to address a comment made by a Tennessee official who stated he did not believe it was rape because the girl could have gotten away, and there was no violence.

First, violence is not necessary when the other person cannot fight back because they are too intoxicated. Second, it is hard to "get away" when you are being raped.

Girls have done enough to protect themselves. How about educating the men for once?

NICHOLE D'ANTONIO  
JUNIOR, ELEMENTARY ED MAJOR

### WE WERE RIGHT TO PROTECT OUR FRIEND BY STEALING THE PAPERS

I am in the marching band, and the reason we stole *The Daily Eastern News* on Friday was simply to come between a member of our family and an article that was causing her hurt.

If someone you loved was raped, you would not want the credibility of their testimony being publicly questioned, whether her name is mentioned or not.

It is unnecessary and hurtful. If the article is to help catch the offender, or purely to educate (with, ironically, the victim's full consent), I understand. Yet it seems that the motives behind the printing of Friday's article were tabloid in nature. Everyone loves a bit of gossip, right?

You can argue that it was for the good of the students, but no one read that article and learned anything they didn't already know about the realities of sexual assault. If anything, it suggested that if a person is raped, they could come forward and still be accused of crying wolf.

While this is certainly a reality in today's world, it could deter other women from coming forward as bravely as my friend has. Kudos to her, and shame on irresponsible journalism.

DELANOR BENSON  
SENIOR MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR

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## Way to go Ad Reps of the Month!



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September



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November

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# RHA working toward a smoking solution

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD  
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association hopes to solve the smoking issue, which focuses on where smokers can stand outside of residence halls, before adjournment for winter break.

"The smoking issue that was tabled last week will hopefully be resolved this week," said Lindsey DiPietro, RHA president.

Last week, each hall was asked to make a map. Each hall council is to bring that map back this week with the new smoking areas outlined for their hall.

DiPietro said RHA plans to narrow options down to no smoking in main entrances, as determined by each hall, or to keep the policy as it is. RHA hopes to vote on the issue this week so it will not sit over winter break.

Another major event for RHA this week is the arrival of the final exam kits. The truck with the kits will arrive at 1 p.m. today, and as many RHA and hall council members as possible are needed to help unload the truck.

"Anyone who got a slip in their

mailbox needs to come and pick up their final exam kit between 4 and 10 p.m. today in the Andrews hall basement," said Jen Roden, RHA vice president of finance, who organized the fundraiser.

This is RHA's biggest fundraiser of the year, Roden said. This year, 704 Final Exam Kits were sold.

Also, RHA T-shirts will be ordered at this week's meeting. The money is due at the meeting. The shirts are \$7. The money is divided up and \$6 will go toward the cost of the shirt, and one dollar from every shirt will be put toward RHA scholarships.

Eastern also plans to place a bid to host the 2005 Great Lakes Area Conference of University Residence Halls. GLACURH is a leadership conference for all RHAs from the region and requires help of student volunteers. Applications for the volunteer leadership positions are due Friday, Dec. 8. If there are any questions, please contact Jody Stone, assistant Director of Housing, at 581-2515.

RHA meets at 5 p.m. on Thursdays in the Andrews Hall basement.

# Cultures come together

## Christmas Around the World at Old Main welcomes different traditions

BY CASSIE FIFER  
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of Eastern students, faculty and community members gathered Wednesday night to celebrate Christmas early by enjoying international festivities.

"Christmas Around the World" held in Old Main showcased Christmas trees decorated by area grade school students and Eastern's international program. Those who attended the event enjoyed holiday music and unique refreshments adorned with international flags.

"This is a great event to enjoy something different and at the same time celebrate diversity," said President Lou Hencken.

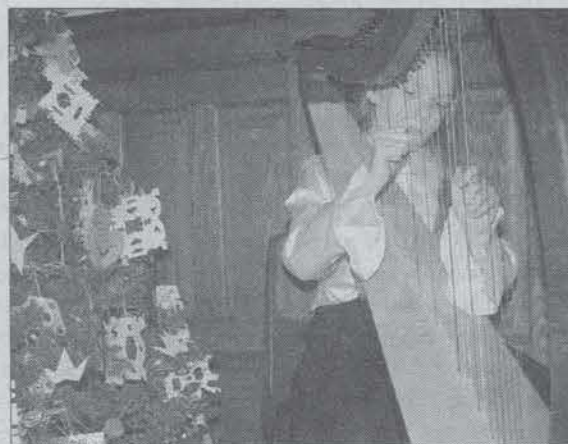
This is an annual event and last year the trees were decorated with different types of gloves, Hencken said.

This year Eastern's international program worked to decorate the large Christmas tree with unique ornaments.

"We created origami ornaments that were very beautiful," said Sue Songer, international student advisor. "Then we wrote holiday wishes on pieces of rice paper to create chains that represent a goodwill wish."

Those who attended reflected about how pleased they were with the event.

"I'm from Korea and thought this was a very cool idea to make people like me feel like they're at home, when



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ten-year-old Hannah Drake plays Christmas songs on her harp Wednesday night at "Christmas Around the World" in Old Main.

they're so far away from their families," said Min-Ah Kim, a student from Charleston High School.

Another person who connected with the decorations on a personal level was Barbara Hunter, a Charleston resident.

"The real reason I am here is because I am originally from South Africa, and I thought the theme was very impressive, tying so many cultures together," Hunter said.

Elizabeth Marshall, a student from Toledo High School spoke about her favorite part of the celebration.

"My favorite [decoration] was the big tree, how so many cultures and such diversity were meshed together," Marshall said.

"Christmas Around the World" is scheduled again today from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the foyer of Old Main.

# Eastern workshop gives heads up on issues to new employees

BY JACLYN GORSKI  
STAFF WRITER

New employees will get the chance today to learn about Eastern policies and worker benefits in a workshop.

"This workshop is the second to be held this semester and is open to all employees, but is designed to welcome and orient our newest employees," said Sandy Bowman, coordinator for the office of human resources.

The purpose of the workshop is to teach those who may not know, the

specifics about Eastern's procedures.

"It is very important that each employee at EIU understand why processes and procedures are important and where they originate," said Julie Benedict, training assistant for the office of human resources.

"The benefits [of the orientation] are having as much information as you can, knowing where to find information if needed and having a sense of belonging and the knowledge of what you are doing is important and appreciated."

At the workshop, Cathy Ashmore,

operations support service specialist, will discuss how employees can protect themselves from identity theft.

"I hope that our discussion of these topics will bring about a better awareness of the information that is processed within the university and how important it is to secure such information in this global world of ours," Ashmore said.

Another topic that will be discussed is Eastern's waste reduction system.

"The new personnel need to know waste reduction at EIU is a state

mandate," said Allan Rathe, Eastern's recycling coordinator.

The mandate is older and states that the required waste reduction needs to be met by the year 2000, must be maintained.

Linda Holloway, assistant director of payroll and benefits, will discuss employee payroll benefits.

"Whether they are full-time, part-time, temporary or whatever their status, there may be benefits information that they are not aware of or do not understand," Holloway said.

Employees will get the opportuni-

ty to ask questions they did not ask before or when they enrolled for their benefits.

"Employee orientation is one chance we have to help our new employees feel at home," Bowman said. "We hope that the new employee will feel more comfortable in their new job and also be more knowledgeable about why we are here and why we do things the way we do."

The new employee orientation will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today in Room 1895 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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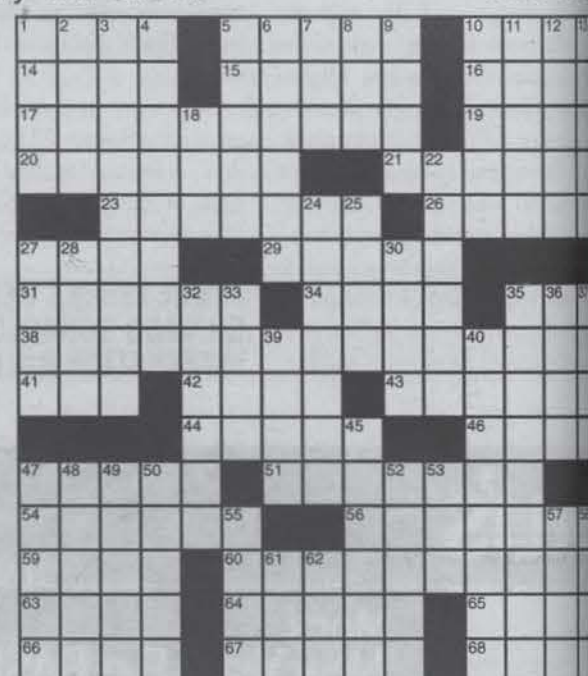
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Puzzle by Richard Chisholm

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The senate passed a motion allocating \$30,000 to pay for the Winter Wonderland program. The motion will now be sent to the Apportionment Board, which will make the final decision on if the event happens.

Getty said the money will pay for a portable ice rink that will be put in the South Quad or the tundra near Tarble Arts Center.

"We have 'Quakin' in the Quad' in the summer time, t his is something we could offer in the winter time," he

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Morice is also in charge of the one month visual arts residency program that received \$2,875 in grants. This money will help support the Arts and Education program, in which a resident artist spends one month sharing their works with children, Morice said.

This spring, Danell Dvorak will be hosting a concentration in ceramics. During the day, she will travel to schools around the area, participating in an outreach course, Morice said.

"I think it's important for kids to learn about the different types of art," said

Adam Dupuis, a junior art major. "It's something that allows them to be creative. Not to mention the feeling of satisfaction that is achieved after they've produced something with their own hands."

A final grant of \$1,990 was given to help fund 'Celebration: A Festival of the Arts.' Dan Crews, festival director and publicity director for the College of Arts and Humanities, said the festival is held every spring in the Booth Library quad during the week before finals and graduation.

This coming spring will mark the festival's 25th year on campus and will feature live music, food, demonstrations and a fine arts fair, Crews said.

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The state has to raise fees for different things every year because of inflation, and increases were placed on ID cards because that cost hadn't been increased for several years and the price was outdated, Carroll said.

The increase only applies to state identification cards and not driver's licenses, said Bill Hall, an employee at Charleston's Secretary of State's Office.

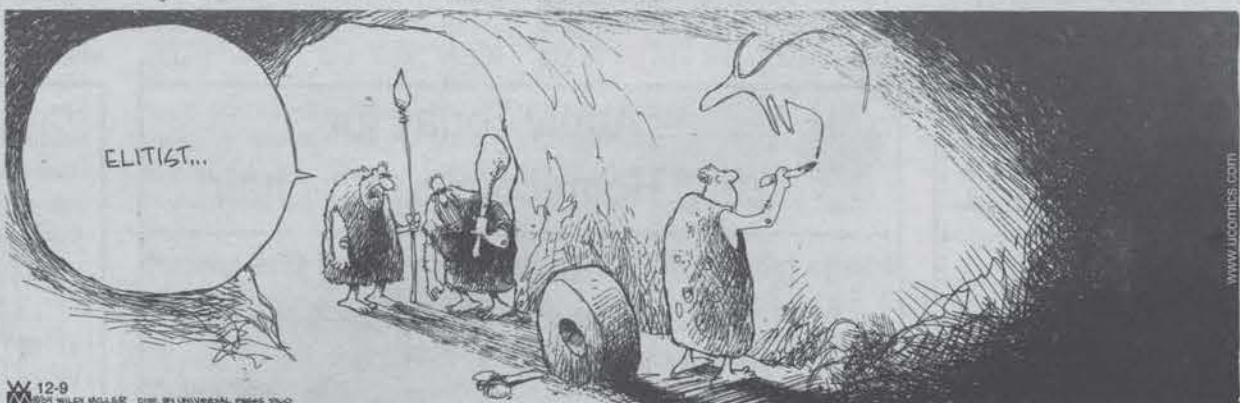
Hall said the Charleston office processes about 50 cards, including licenses, each day, and he estimated half of those were for students.

The increase is estimated to generate just over \$5 million and will go into the general revenue fund, which goes toward education, health care and other state operations, Carroll said.

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"The prices of airplane tickets are expensive and ridiculous," he said. "We have so little time off that it wouldn't be worth it to fly home for just a couple of days."

Men's and women's swimming also have taxing winter schedules, as they fly to Florida a day after Christmas.

Junior Allison Putt said it takes a lot to keep her mind on swimming when so much is going on around her.

"It's hard to rush through Christmas when everybody else is slowing down and relaxing because of holiday breaks," she said. "But I love to swim, so that's what keeps me going — the desire to win."

Athletic academics advisor Cindy Tozer said she can't imagine the level of commitment required to participate in winter sports.

"It's incredible how they manage to stay so focused throughout the season," she said. "Then, you throw school in the picture, and it gets even harder. But they have the discipline to deal with it."

"That is something that truly deserves some recognition."

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average as these guys receive for hitting 50 home runs.

The other thing that bothers me about this scandal is the refusal of some of these players to admit they were taking steroids. Gary Sheffield and Bonds both claim they did not know the substances they were taking contained steroids.

The one good thing I can say about Giambi is that he was forthcoming and admitted he made a mistake. I find it hard to believe that these athletes do not know what they are putting into their bodies. I don't believe for a second they think it's one thing when it turns out to be another.

These guys are on strict diets to keep their bodies in shape, and you would think they would find out all the nutritional information from someone about the substances they put into their bodies.

But I guess honesty isn't as important to them as adding another zero to the end of their checks. Until athletes are held accountable for their actions, this type of thing will go on for a long time.

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**Charges filed against Pacers, Detroit Pistion fans in the brawl**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTIAC, Mich. — Five Indiana Pacers and seven fans were charged Wednesday in the melee that broke out at the end of a nationally televised game against the Detroit Pistons last month, one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history.

Players Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson, David Harrison and Anthony Johnson were charged with one count of assault and battery. Jermaine O'Neal, a three-time NBA All-Star, was charged with two counts of assault and battery.

Five fans were charged with misdemeanor assault and battery, including Pistons star Ben Wallace's brother, David. Bryant Jackson also was charged with felony assault for throwing a chair into the fray, Oakland County prosecutor David Gorcyca said.

The misdemeanor carries up to three months in jail and a fine of up to \$500, and the felony carries up to four years in prison,

although Jackson could face more time because he has a prior criminal record, Gorcyca said.

Gorcyca singled out spectator John Green, who faces two assault counts and, the prosecutor said, "single-handedly incited this whole interaction between the fans and players and probably is the one that's most culpable." Green, who also has a prior criminal record, is accused of throwing a cup at Artest, splashing him and sparking the brawl.

John Ackerman and William Paulson, each facing an assault charge, also were accused of throwing a cup or liquid in players' faces. (Paulson's last name is listed as Paulson and Pawlson on the arrest warrant.)

In addition, two men were charged for walking onto the court at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Police said other fans could be charged, too.

Gorcyca said the players and fans without prior convictions would probably face probation and fines if found guilty.

Pacers chief executive Don Walsh said the team would not comment until the case resolved. "In the meantime, we will continue to support our players in every possible way," he said.

James W. Burdick, Stephen Jackson's lawyer, said it was "unfair and inappropriate" to charge his client.

"The problem is this: a few crazed drunken fans who create a chaotic situation," Burdick said. "Steve responded in a way that he thought was necessary to protect himself and protect his friends."

Walter Piszczatowski, Harrison's lawyer, said: "David was acting as the peacekeeper throughout that evening. He was trying to make sure everybody was safe."

With less than a minute left in the Pacers-Pistons game Nov. 19, Artest fouled Ben Wallace from behind on a drive to the basket. Wallace responded with a hard two-handed shove to Artest.

**MLB TRANSACTION ROUNDUP**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Jon Lieber agreed to a deal with the Philadelphia Phillies, Al Leiter returned to the Florida Marlins and Woody Williams went back to the San Diego Padres as teams moved quickly to grab starting pitchers Wednesday after the first free-agent deadline of the offseason passed.

Lieber left the Yankees, agreeing to a \$21 million, three-year contract with Philadelphia, and Leiter departed the Mets with some degree of acrimony, getting an \$8 million, one-year contract from Florida.

Williams, part of the St. Louis Cardinals' NL pennant-winning team, is guaranteed \$3.5 million by the Padres as part of a deal that could be worth \$14.5 million for two years.

The Yankees didn't waste any time filling Lieber's spot in the rotation, closing in on a \$21 million, three-year contract with Jarret Wright. New York also has a preliminary agreement with second baseman Tony Womack on a \$4 million, two-year deal.

Dustin Hermanson left the San Francisco Giants for a \$5.5 million, two-year contract with the Chicago White Sox, and catcher Sandy Alomar Jr. departed the White Sox for a \$550,000, one-year deal with Texas.

Forty-one free agents, the highest total since at least 1985, were offered salary arbitration by their former teams before Tuesday's midnight deadline. They have until Dec. 19 to accept the offers and can re-sign through Jan. 8.

The remaining 168 free agents are barred from going back to their old teams until May 1, meaning they almost certainly will play elsewhere next year. That group includes third baseman Troy Glaus, the 2002 World Series MVP (Anaheim); first baseman Carlos Delgado (Toronto); outfielder Steve Finley (Los Angeles); outfielder Magglio Ordonez (Chicago White Sox); and pitchers Eric Milton and Kevin Millwood (Philadelphia).

Several players agreed to re-sign just before the deadline, including pitcher Brad Radke, who got an \$18

million, two-year contract from the Minnesota Twins. St. Louis agreed to one-year deals with pitchers Matt Morris (\$2.5 million) and Cal Eldred (\$600,000), along with outfielder John Mabry (\$725,000).

Before heading to the winter meetings, which start Friday in Anaheim, Calif., several teams were busy locking up pitching.

Lieber, 35 in April, spent last season with the Yankees, going 14-8 with a 4.33 ERA in 27 starts. He was 1-1 with a 3.43 ERA in three playoff starts for the Yankees, and got more effective later in the season as he regained arm strength following 2002 elbow-ligament replacement surgery.

Lieber gets a \$1 million signing bonus and will earn \$5.25 million in 2005, \$7.25 million in 2006 and \$7.5 million in 2007.

"I look forward to bringing this ballclub back into playoff contention," Lieber said. "I got a taste of that last year, and I'd like that to continue."

Lieber joins former All-Stars Randy Wolf and Vicente Padilla,

Brett Myers and Cory Lidle in a rotation that is losing Milton and Millwood.

"He's a great competitor who's going to go out there and get us deep into games and not give in to hitters," Phillies general manager Ed Wade said.

Leiter, 10-8 with a 3.21 ERA last season, returned to the team he helped pitch to the 1997 World Series title.

"This thing has had a good feel to it, right from the start," Marlins general manager Larry Beinfest said. "It has taken a whole lot to get to this day, but we were always optimistic. We really wanted Al."

The 39-year-old left-hander had spent seven years with the Mets, who offered a one-year deal worth \$4 million to \$5 million during talks Leiter described as "convoluted and fuzzy."

Leiter said he believed the Mets weren't "upfront" and "forthright." He was jettisoned as part of a makeover under new general manager Omar Minaya that includes the departures of relievers John Franco, Mike Stanton and Ricky Bottalico,

and outfielder Richard Hidalgo.

"I had a conversation with Al one day and he pretty much asked a good question," Minaya said. "He asked, 'Do I want him on the team?' He said, 'Do I see him in the plan?' As the general manager, you've got to make some tough decisions and this is one of the tough decisions that I had to make."

Williams, 38, was 11-8 with a 4.18 ERA for St. Louis last season, going 2-5 before winning 10 of his last 13 decisions. He started the opener of all three postseason series for the Cardinals.

Williams pitched with San Diego from 1999 until he was dealt to St. Louis for outfielder Ray Lankford and cash in a waiver deal shortly after the trading deadline in 2001. Padres general manager Kevin Towers called that trade the worst he's ever made.

Womack must pass a physical to complete his deal with the Yankees and Wright's representatives and the Yankees have to finalize contract language. New York still hopes to sign at least one more starter, and is talking with Carl Pavano and Milton.

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# DIVING INTO RIGHT SPORT

A lifetime of swimming pays off for senior Tom Watson

ADAM DREMAK  
SPORTS REPORTER

For any athlete, participating in sports at a young age has its payoffs when they get older. Rarely will someone stick with a sport when they get older, especially if, at first, they didn't particularly enjoy it. Eastern senior swimmer Tom Watson started swimming when he was about 7 years old and admits it was because he was forced to. "Originally, I did it because my parents made me," Watson said. "As I got older, I started to enjoy it more."

Watson swam all through high school and wasn't sure if he wanted to pursue swimming in college. After considering schools such as Northern Illinois, Miliken and Carthage, Watson felt that Eastern would be his best fit, and he is glad he made the decision. One of the main reasons he attended Eastern was to major in industrial technology. On top of being a good swimmer, Watson is also a very good student and sets the bar for the rest of his teammates, said Panther head coach Gary Padovan.

"He's a very dedicated athlete to go along with the talent that he has," Padovan said. One of the reasons for Watson's success might be his conditioning. Since he came to Eastern as a freshman, he has lost about 50 pounds, which has caused for greater success in the water.

"Between my freshman and sophomore year, losing the weight really helped me a lot," Watson



said. "It obviously helped me physically, but I think mentally it was even more important because I couldn't hold it as a crutch."

Watson's effort in the pool is something that he takes a lot of pride in, and his coaches and teammates do not overlook it.

"He always makes sure you are doing your hardest," sophomore diver Dave Trabilis said. "He puts out a ton of effort, and everyone knows he does and respects him for that."

Watson said he hopes teammates can look up to him because of his hard work.

"I work as hard as I can to give my best effort," he said. "I really push myself to do my best, and I try to set a good example."

Padovan has credited most of Watson's yearly improvement to his dedication to the sport.

"He has gotten better all four years," he said. "This is his sport, and he's just a plain dedicated athlete."

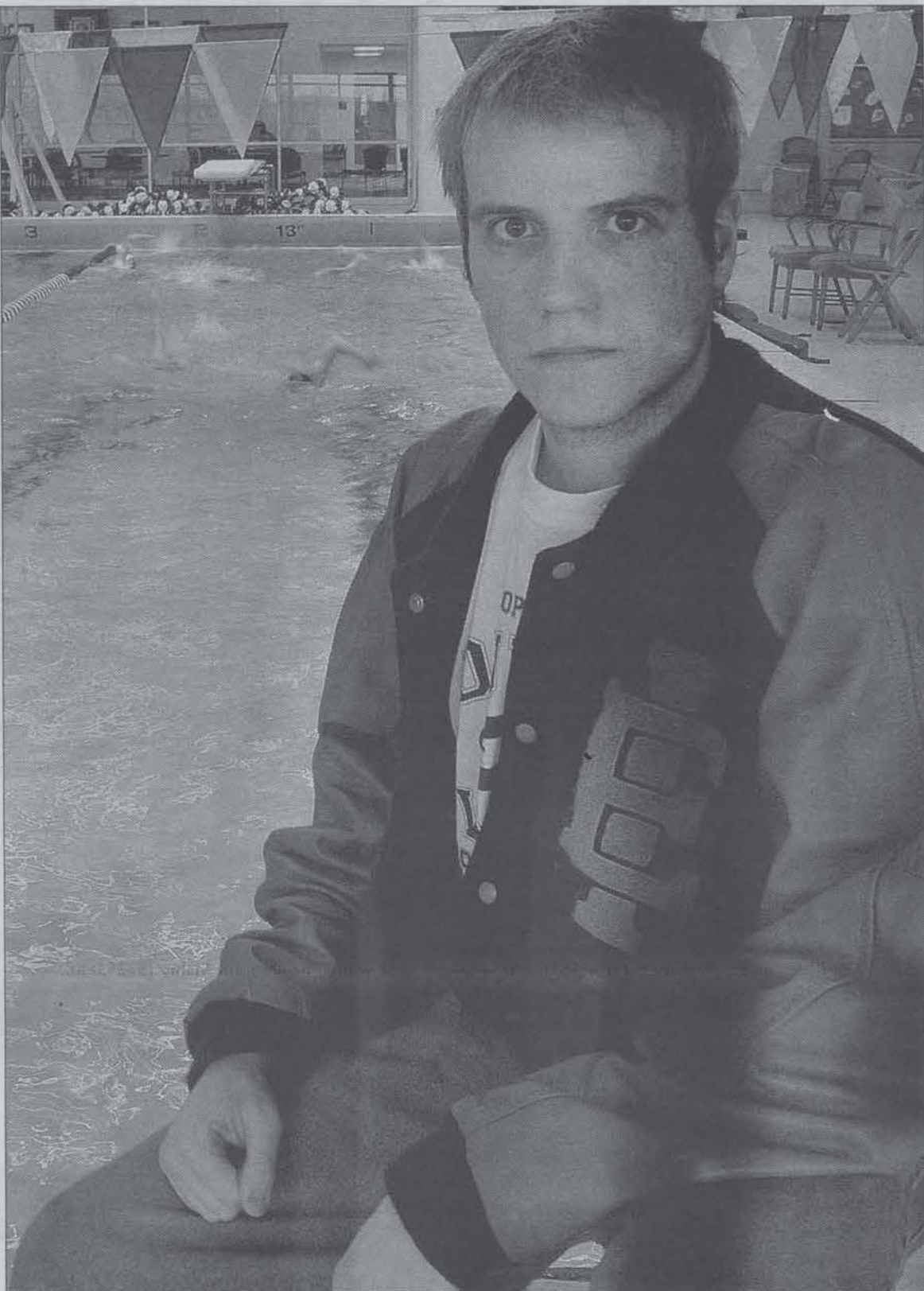
Watson also has his eye on trying to break some Eastern records, and a few aren't too far out of reach to achieve.

"I have tried to get the 1,000-meter freestyle record every year but come up a little short," he said.

Watson also has his sights on the 500-meter freestyle record and hopes to break the records in his final season.

While swimming doesn't get the attention of more major sports like football or basketball, that doesn't bother Watson at all.

"I care more for my teammates than for recognition from the whole school," he said.



Senior Tom Watson led the Panthers to a dual-meet victory over Butler by winning both the 500-meter freestyle and the 1,000-meter freestyle.

## Last year's winner among five Heisman finalists

NEW YORK—Jason White has a chance to join Archie Griffin as a two-time Heisman Trophy winner. White, the Oklahoma quarterback who won last year's Heisman, was chosen Wednesday as one of

five finalists for college football's most prestigious individual title. Joining White for Saturday's award ceremony in New York will be his Oklahoma teammate Adrian Peterson, Southern California teammates Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush, and Utah quarterback

Alex Smith. Among Heisman contenders who did not make the top 5 were Texas running back Cedric Benson, Auburn quarterback Jason Campbell and California teammates Aaron Rodgers and J.J. Arrington.

Griffin, Ohio State's great running back, won the Heisman in 1974 and 1975 and is the only two-time winner. White was the favorite for last year's Heisman and beat out Pittsburgh wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald and Mississippi quarter-

back Eli Manning. This time, the race appears too close to call. White and Leinart, USC's quarterback, have put up similar numbers while leading their teams to 12-0 records and a matchup in the Orange Bowl for the national championship.

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SATURDAY	TRACK & FIELD EARLY BIRD MEET	11 a.m.
	Women's Basketball at Butler	2 p.m.
	Men's Basketball vs. Northern Illinois	7:05 p.m.
SUNDAY	Wrestling vs. Indiana	1 p.m.

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### DIGGING IN

MARCUS JACKSON  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Steroids darken pro sports

I'm getting sick of all these selfish professional athletes looking for a leg up. They get paid millions of dollars to play a game, but somehow that's not enough for them.

The recent report about steroids in baseball is just another example of athletes trying to earn another buck. By hitting more homeruns, these players are hoping by the time their contract year comes around, they can wave their homerun total in the faces of the owners and general managers in an effort to get the most money.

What they don't understand is that they are ruining the integrity of the game and setting horrible examples for young athletes across the world. Little kids idolize Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi for what they can do with a bat.

These guys are heroes to them, and now, they are going to think in order to hit homeruns, they must use some sort of substance to get ahead.

I am not taking anything away from these players' ability to hit a baseball, because no matter how many steroids you shoot into your body, you still have to hit the ball. I envy their ability to put the bat on the ball against pitchers throwing in the mid-90s with nasty breaking stuff.

Being a former college baseball player and someone that still has aspirations to play professionally, I have an appreciation for the skills that these players possess.

Nobody knows better than I that the hardest thing to do in sports is to hit a baseball, and these players have proven that they can do that with the best of them. What bothers me is when they cheat to make themselves look better and to pad their wallets.

Tony Gwynn got paid millions of dollars and he wasn't a homerun hitter by any stretch. He received just as much respect in the sports world for hitting at a high

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Panthers face Big Ten challenge

### Eastern steps up to take on No. 12 ranked Spartan club

BY MARCUS JACKSON  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern women's basketball team will hit the road tonight to take on their toughest challenge so far this season, as the Panthers face the No. 12 Michigan State Spartans in East Lansing, Mich.

Playing such a highly ranked team does not scare the Panther players.

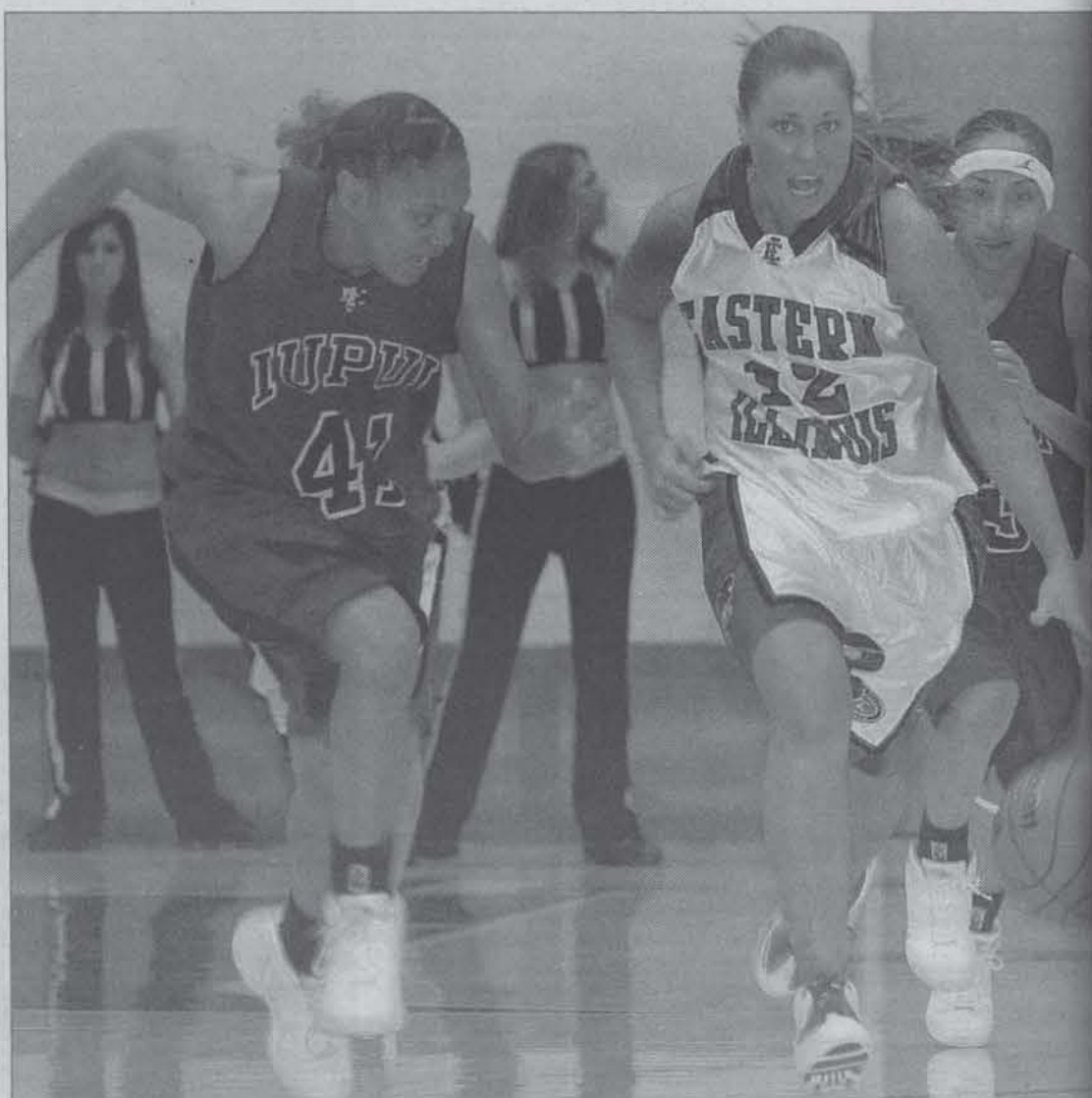
"I'm pretty excited about it," junior guard Megan Sparks said. "This will give us a chance to see where we really are as a team, and this will only make us better in the long run."

The Panthers have only played two nationally-ranked teams in their Division I history. During the 2000-01 season, the Panthers fell to No. 8 Iowa State, and most recently during the 2001-02 season, the Panthers fell to No. 10 Purdue.

The Spartans (6-1), who have four players averaging in double figures, will be led by junior guard Lindsay Bowen. Bowen is averaging 17.7 points per game and is shooting 43 percent from behind the arc.

Their second option is senior center Kelli Roehrig. Roehrig averages 16 points and just under nine rebounds per game.

"They are going to be a tough match-up because if we stop Bowen, then they are going to go inside to Roehrig," Sparks said.



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Sophomore guard Megan Casad escapes a pair of IUPUI players Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena. Casad is averaging 14.6 points, 7 rebounds, 4.6 assists and 1.4 steals per game. She is scoring just under eight points per game for the Panthers.

"We're going to try and stop one of them, and make them kind of one-dimensional."

The Panthers (3-2) will try and cut down on their turnovers and will look to continue to shoot the ball from behind the three-point line. As a team, the Panthers are shooting 39 percent from long distance with three players shooting 45 percent or

better.

Sophomore guard Melanie Ploger leads the three-point barrage with 55 percent (12-22).

The Panthers also have the option to go inside if the shots aren't falling. Senior forward Pam O'Connor is the inside presence for the Panthers averaging 14.6 points and 7 rebounds this season.

The Spartans are on a game winning streak. They defeated then No. 3 Notre Dame last Thursday and Cincinnati Saturday.

The Panthers are coming off consecutive wins over Illinois Chicago and Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis.

Tip off is set for 6 p.m. at Breslin Center.

### WINTER SPORTS

## Athletes use break as a time to train

BY GAMALIEL DURAN  
STAFF WRITER

Winter break is a time when students get to relax and forget about the past stressful semester.

But, for student-athletes, it's a time for pushing their bodies harder and keeping their minds focused on their sport.

Athletes who play winter sports have it particularly tough because the sports run through the holiday season.

Winter athletes trade in egg nog, turkey and pumpkin pie for

barbells and 10-mile runs. These athletes have to stay fit, especially during the winter holidays.

"I hate not being able to eat all that I want or feeling guilty when I eat a little more than I'm supposed to during Thanksgiving and Christmas," sophomore wrestler Adam Beeler said. "I know that if I come back out of shape, my performance is not going to be as good as I want, or I won't be allowed to compete because of my weight class."

Men's and women's basketball

are other teams that play through the holidays.

The men's team played the week of Thanksgiving break at DePaul and had to stay on campus for most of the break because of the team's practice schedule.

Senior guard Emanuel Dildy said the holiday sacrifices are to be expected.

"Everyone who plays a winter sport knows what they are getting into and knew what they were going to have to give up," Dildy said.

However, the time and money put into competing are worth it because of the limited opportunities to play college sports.

Eastern has athletes from all over the country, and traveling home can be a costly expense.

Panther wrestler sophomore Daniel Perz is from Miami. He said getting home costs a lot of money.

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# Bonnaroo to return

MANCHESTER, Tenn. (AP) - The Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival will return for the fourth time in 2005, with the three-day musical event slated to run from June 10-12.

"Bonnaroo has come a long way from the first year as it has evolved into an internationally respected festival," Richard Goodstone of Superfly Productions said in a statement Tuesday. "And we couldn't have arrived at this place without first earning the respect from our fans and the

bands that play our event. We are always striving to grow and change in order to create the best experience for all involved."

The festival has grown every year, and more than 90,000 attended this year's event held at a 700-acre farm in Coffee County, about 60 miles south-east of Nashville.

Acts for the 2005 festival haven't been announced. Dave Matthews, Bob Dylan and The Dead were among this year's headliners.

# Jay-Z to head Def Jam

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Jay-Z, who has declared himself retired from his rap career, now has a new job to occupy his time - president and chief executive of the Def Jam record label.

The appointment, rumored for months, was finalized with an announcement on Wednesday by Antonio "L.A." Reid, the chairman of Island Def Jam Music Group.

Officials at the label declined to discuss terms of the agreement Wednesday. But a source familiar with the deal told The Associated Press the rapper signed a three-year contract valued at between \$8 million to \$10 million.

The ultimate value of the deal depends on whether the multi-platinum rapper can meet revenue and market share incentives, the source said on condition of anonymity.

The rapper, whose "The Black Album" was nominated for three Grammys on Tuesday, will take the helm on Jan. 3. He will also continue to run Roc-A-Fella records, which he co-founded with Damon Dash in 1995 after early efforts to obtain a record deal sputtered.

Def Jam, which owned 50 percent of Roc-A-Fella, also announced Wednesday that it had wholly purchased the rap label, whose acts include the 10-time Grammy nominee Kanye West, Cam'ron and Beanie Sigel, who recently received a one-year prison sentence in Pennsylvania on gun and drug charges.

Def Jam acquired the remaining stake in Roc-A-Fella for about \$10 million, the source said. A dozen Roc-A-Fella employees were laid off as a result of the buyout, said Island Def

Jam spokeswoman Laura Swanson.

"I have inherited two of the most important brands in hip-hop, Def Jam and Roc-A-Fella," Jay-Z said in a statement. "L.A. Reid and Universal Music Group have given me the opportunity to manage the companies I have contributed to my whole career. I feel this is a giant step for me and the entire artist community."

Reid praised Jay-Z - who's real name is Shawn Carter - for his business acumen and declared him the perfect candidate to lead Def Jam. It's previous president, Kevin Liles, left in July and became executive vice president at Warner Music Group.

"I can think of no one more relevant and credible in the hip-hop community to build upon Def Jam's fantastic legacy and move the company into its next groundbreaking era," Reid said.

The original joint venture agreement for Roc-A-Fella struck in 1997 with Jay-Z and his partners gave Def Jam until February to proceed with the buyout.

Negotiations for the label buyout and Jay-Z's appointment at Def Jam were separate and not contingent on each other, the source said.

Dash and Kareem "Biggs" Burke, another former Roc-A-Fella stakeholder, are in preliminary talks with Def Jam to launch their own label, another source said on condition of anonymity.

While Jay-Z has declared his retirement from performing, he still owes Def Jam two albums and a greatest hits record, the first source said.

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By HOLLY HENSCHEN  
VERGE EDITOR

Short-term research on the relatively new phenomena of interest group activity via the internet has shown some interest groups are very successful in gaining membership through the electronic medium, said Melinda Mueller, a political science professor at Eastern. A grass-roots group like Adbusters focuses more on changing public opinion than the interest



**"We shouted things like, 'I don't know why I keep buying things. The TV tells me to, so I do. I'd rather be at home with my family. Shop, work, shop, work!'"**

## Robots and zombies

A jammer who wished to be referred to only as Sarah said she and a group of friends

A New York group reported that they posted "Nine Theses Against Corporate Rule" on the McDonalds inside Times Square. Several mem-

"It's more important to remind non-activist-minded people that the holidays are about friends, family, love, gratefulness, religion and peace," said Sarah. "Not toys, not gadgets, not gift cards redeemable at any store in the mall."

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# Box set far from enlightenment

“With the Lights Out” stupid, not contagious

BY JAMIE MCGHEE  
STAFF WRITER

A friend once asked who I would see in concert, if I could see anyone. My answer was Nirvana. Agitated, my friend said that didn't count. Sadly, she was right. I never had the chance to see a live performance by my favorite musical group because I wasn't even a fan until shortly after Cobain's death in 1994 (c'mon, I was only 11).

Since, I've gone through my phases. The first song I heard, hence my first favorite by the group, was “Come As You Are.” I can still remember my older brother listening to it in our messy garage that hot summer day, smoking a cigarette. Of course, standing there in my oversized tomboy T-shirt, knee-length jean shorts, mousy glasses and ratty, unbrushed hair, my first thought of this scene was, “wow, my brother is so cool, and he listens to the coolest music.” And so it



Nirvana members (L-R) Dave Grohl, Kurt Cobain and Krist Novoselic were dubbed the kings of grunge by many in the early 1990s. The box set contains 3 CDs with 61 songs, a live DVD and a book with quotes, tour dates and other information. There are also photographs, copies of show advertisements and album art.

began.

I've listened to and memorized the lyrics of all the songs on Nirvana's five main CDs over the past decade, and their self-titled album over the past year. Needless to say, I was excited when I heard that a box set was coming out around Christmas time of this year.

The makers of this set are either huge sweethearts with good intentions or they are scams. (Editor's Note: The remaining band members Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic battled with Courtney Love for years over

rights to this material.) Maybe they intended for me to get my wish: Nirvana live. But what they ended up releasing was horribly recorded music.

The first CD only has two songs I've never heard before that are worth listening to: “Beans,” because it is funny, and “They Hung Him on a Cross.” The second disc, better than the first, has “Oh, the Guilt” and “Here She Comes Now.”

Disc three has a solo, acoustic version of “Rape Me.” Kurt's voice is harder to hear than the version on

“In Utero,” but there's just something about the sound and added/changed lyrics that gets me. There is also “Marigold,” sung by David Grohl. “Sappy” and “M.V.” are also decent.

Of 61 songs on three CDs, eight were good. I was skeptical but I would not pass judgment until I saw the DVD.

I went into it with high hopes of music videos aired on MTV back in the day and interviews.

Instead I got a poorly-recorded and headache-provoking practice

session. The rest were miscellaneous live performances that aren't much better than the songs performed in, bassist, Krist Novoselic's mother's basement for the first nine songs.

Sure, I said I would love to see Nirvana in concert if I had the chance, but seeing live performances recorded on video just isn't the same. I can't join in a video's mosh-pit. I can't feel the body heat from the people. There is no chance of copping a feel on Kurt if he started crowd-surfing and I can't catch a piece of his broken guitar as he busts it up on stage. The quality of this DVD should have been a million times better than what it was. I feel scammed.

In addition, the order is different from what the book, the fifth addition to the set, says. “In Bloom” (number 11) and “Sappy” (number 12) are reversed. This is a prime example of what the book has to offer. All it contains are quotes, various dates and miscellaneous information.

There are only five pages of actual story at the end.

Luckily, everything was contained in a book with heat-sensitive covering. I was able to entertain myself while listening to the set by pressing my hand up against it and watching the print it left slowly fade. It's sad because a lot of the set's material has such awesome potential. But that's all it is - good potential gone bad.

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# No treasure to find here

By BRIAN P. O'MALLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Just because a movie is written by a lot of smart people, does not make it a smart movie. "National Treasure" uses historical facts to back up a search for an ancient treasure from the Middle Ages that was protected by the Knights Templar and the Masons and uses smart characters to make the search easier.

Nicolas Cage plays Benjamin Franklin Gates, who is the newest member of the Gates family to search for the treasure.

The story goes that one of Benjamin's ancestors received serious information from, Charles Carroll, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, about hidden treasure. Because of this, each Gates man embarked on a journey to find the lost goods and then let his son continue his efforts.

Jon Voight plays Patrick Henry Gates, Ben's father, who has given up believing that the treasure exists.

Cage's character is extremely smart and passionate about his search, but



**"NATIONAL TREASURE"**  
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somehow still remembers to make decisions based on morals. Ben is so smart he figures out the riddles and clues throughout the journey, within minutes. And either the concept of time isn't well thought out or Cage's character really does go three days without showering.

This is a very well thought out movie and took some brains to think



The adventure movie, 'National Treasure', starring Nicolas Cage, is now playing in theaters. 'Copyright 2004 Buena Vista Pictures Distribution. All rights reserved.' All other uses require prior written consent of Buena Vista.

it through. But then you'll see that three people wrote the screenplay. Those screenwriters must not have not realized they were packing the brains of three smart people into one character.

They did, however, do a good job of making the the schemes that these people go through believable in some way, but the characters are too smart and almost everything works out perfectly.

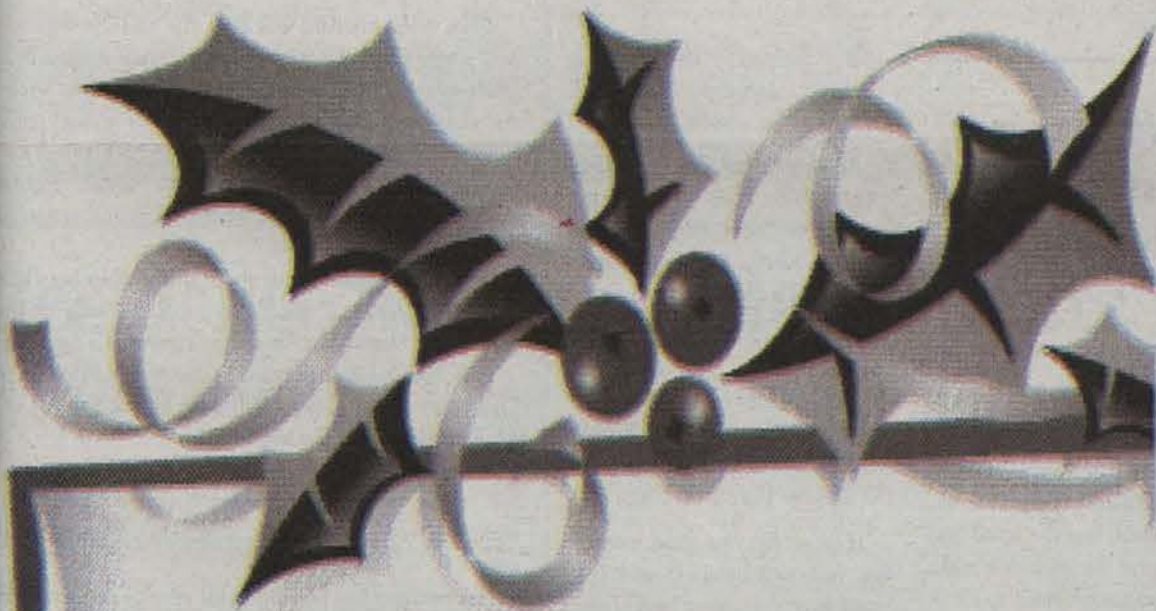
Voight's character comes around and ends up helping with the search after being somewhat forced into it.

Sean Bean plays Ian Howe, who is on Ben's search team to begin with, but quickly threatens to kill Ben when he refuses to steal the Declaration of Independence they just discovered could have an invisible map on its backside. The whole movie, Ian is trying to beat Ben to each new discovery.

Justin Bartha plays Riley Poole, Ben's sidekick, who is supposed to be the movie's comic relief, but really isn't that funny.

Diane Kruger plays Abigail Chase, the National Archivist, who somehow ends up getting involved in the search.

Overall, the movie is entertaining but suffers greatly under any analysis. The cast is great, but some viewers may find Riley Poole annoying in some scenes.



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"Bikini Bandits Save Christmas" offers a scantily clad version of holidays.

# Guns and nudity get you into the Christmas spirit

JAMIE MCGHEE  
STAFF WRITER

Sick of the Christmas classics? "Bikini Bandits Save Christmas" might be right down your alley.

It's a cartoon movie that wasn't made for people who are offended by nudity, swearing, racist jokes or homosexuality. It is quite entertaining.

The movie begins in a strip club called "The Butt Hutt" where you see Santa Claus getting wasted and impotently trying to enjoy a lap dance.

A voodoo stripper named Shaboo casts a spell on everyone, and then she and a couple of G-Mart thugs snatch Santa in an attempt to receive a cash reward. For extra help, Shaboo is using her magic to create an army of stripper zombies.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus' daughter, Heather, is a bikini bandit who sets out with the other bandits to save her father. They go in Rosebud, Santa's commercialized, 1969 red El

Camino sleigh, to the North Pole to see Mrs. Claus. The elves are sexy to say the least, and they help to make the bandits feel right at home.

They then go to Russia to find Santa, but instead they find Father Christmas chained in a dark, wet cell. With the voice of Maynard James Keenan of Tool and Perfect Circle fame, Father Christmas explains to them that G-Mart is attempting to make December 25th one big, generic, happy day: a globalized holiday. Santa is pretty much a sellout, and as an added bonus for the ladies' viewing pleasure, Father Christmas is ripped.

Meanwhile, Mr. G appoints a young poor black boy as the next Santa Claus. There is then an odd scene with Homo the Clown versus the Bikini Bandits.

In an escape attempt, the bandits crash Rosebud into the thug's house, breaking the spell and essentially turning Shaboo into a huge Godzilla-like monster. But the day

is saved when Santa lures her into his magic sack.

Santa then declares Christmas as outdated, exclusionary and racist, and then he begins celebrating Kwanzaa.

If you think I gave away the entire movie, you would be wrong. I would recommend this original flick to those with a good sense of humor. Watch it with a group of friends or family members. Having people to laugh with will make the experience more enjoyable.

Bonus features include Bikini Bandits XXX-mas Special and "F--- Christmas" music video, among other things.

They are quite distasteful if you ask me, but if you enjoy watching a bunch of girls in bikinis decorating a small tree in a cold room, then this bonus feature is for you. The movie was quite enough for me though.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

## The Fuzz fills the air with funk

By MATT POLI  
STAFF WRITER

The Fuzz returned to Mad Hatter's last Saturday night and filled the bar with funk.

With an arsenal of songs, both originals and covers, and a fan base that filled the Mad Hatter's, The Fuzz played to the crowd for nearly four hours.

Having performed songs from legendary artists such as The Grateful Dead, Phish, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd and The Talking Heads, they still managed to fit in nine originals.

Among the original songs performed, the crowd seemed to love "Funky Georgia" and "Shadunda Funk" the most.

"They get more electrifying every time I see them live," said audience member Jim Nawaczyk.

**"The set list was good, everyone was well-behaved and we heard here the music [was] better this time because they played inside."**

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The last time they played Hatter's, The Fuzz were out on the beer garden on a cool October night. This time around they were forced inside by old man winter.

"Personally I think it sounds better outside, but it was a more intimate setting inside," said drummer Jimmy Wallwin.

This show was performed by guitarist/vocalist Dave Campbell, guitarist/bassist

Brian Adams, bassists/guitarists/vocalists Chris Derosa and Wallwin, but the band had friends from the audience make an appearance on stage to fill in for a few songs.

Friend of the band Jeff Roberts picked up a bass guitar to jam the Grateful Dead's "I Know You Rider" with the band.

Another friend of the band, Rob Owen, grabbed a guitar

and helped the band perform Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Freebird" as a second encore.

Amongst the three encores played, The Fuzz managed to squeeze in "Shakedown Street" by the Grateful Dead and Pink Floyd's "The Wall."

Despite the fact they played an hour longer than discussed by management, Mad Hatter's owners Todd and Jedd Edgar were pleased and impressed by the massive Fuzz following.

"The set list was good, everyone was well-behaved and we heard here the music [was] better this time because they played inside," said Jedd.

The Fuzz will be performing in Davenport, Iowa this Saturday Dec. 11 and will return to The Neutral Zone in Westmont, IL, Saturday, Dec. 18.

### JAMBOREE:

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Even when Shepard was little, she said she wanted to be a singer when she grew up. She started singing in her grade-school choir. When she was 15 years old she got the chance to play a two-hour show at a local coffee house in Springfield, Ill.

When she's on stage, "it feels like home," Shepard said. "It's like an addiction when you get off stage, you want to get back up there."

The second-place talent show winner, hip-hop/R&B artist Rian Jones, is scheduled to perform an original song called "Let's Win," and also a cover of a Latif song.

Last year, Jones performed at the Apollo Show in the University Union Grand Ballroom and at Essence of a Man at the 7th St. Underground.

"I think it's (Toys for Tots) a good cause for kids who are underprivileged and can't really get toys," said Jones, a senior communications major.

Jones started out playing in his church choir and performed in a talent show when he was 7-years-old.

"I like performing in front of crowds because I get a big kick out of it. I like being in the spotlight," Jones said.

Santa Claus is set to be present for photos with students and a karaoke contest is scheduled for around 9:15 p.m.-9:45 p.m. as well.

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# Local groups perform last live show for the fall

By DAVID THILL  
STAFF WRITER

Improvisational comedy and acoustic folk rock will come together Saturday when Jackson Avenue Coffee provides its final night of live music of the fall semester.

Local band Elsinore will bring their own brand of music to the coffee shop.

Percussionist Dave Pride described the group's sound as "acoustic juice."

"It's like Tito Puente meets Ben Folds and they get into a fight with Paul Simon," Pride said.

The group, made up of three-fourths music majors, is currently working on their first album, a six-song EP that should be finished after Christmas, said Ryan Groff, guitarist and lead vocalist for the group.

The band began as friends just playing around in June and grew from there, said Groff.

"We all have similar ideas and similar goals for the band," Groff said. "It's hard to find a common goal but we are all pretty close friends and have put a lot of time in."

"We all listen to the same music, but at the same time, we all like different music," Groff said.

The wide array of musical favorites allows each member to bring something different to the group, Groff said.

Elsinore began with only a piano, acoustic guitar and conga drums, with the intention to make the transition to full drum set once the group grew. The response to the congas has been so positive, however, that the



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Elsinore, a local acoustic band, will be joined by Hello Dali for Jackson Ave. Coffee's last night of live entertainment for the fall semester.**

group just decided to stick with it, Pride said.

The group recently grew in size when Chris Eitel was thrown into the fray.

Eitel, while having 17 years experience in guitar, has played the bass for just a month and a half.

"I think if I were a lead guitarist, it would be an easier switch," Eitel said. "But I have known Ryan for a while

and I know the songs. It's going good."

Last Friday was the first time the group had performed as a quartet, and demands for the group to get naked aside, the show went well, Eitel said.

And even though the group is relatively young, each member boasts numerous years of experience: Pride has been playing percussion for 12

years, Eitel has been playing guitar for 15 years, Groff for seven years and Mark Woolwyne has been playing piano for 15 years. He also has a B.A. in piano education.

As for the future, none of the members are sure, yet.

"It feels good right now. We are concentrating on the album," Groff said. "We're playing and whenever

summer comes, we'll figure out what happens. We're just taking advantage of each others company."

Opening for the group will be comedy troupe Hello Dali.

The group, currently in its 10th year, will feature several different games and skits, said group member Aaron Lawson.

"Last year was a big year, this has been a bit of a transition year," he said.

The draw of the group is the spontaneous nature of improv comedy, Lawson said.

"You don't know what will happen next, we don't know what will happen next," he said. "It keeps you on edge."

The group had not performed much over the past semester due to hectic theater schedules, but recent weeks have allowed for several performances and things are going well, Lawson said.

"We've been killing every night, we aren't rusty at all," said Lawson.

The groups will most likely pull in different crowds, offering a chance to begin in new audiences for both groups, Lawson said.

"We are looking forward to playing with Elsinore," Lawson said. "We are friends with them and it's great to finally get a chance to play with them."

The show will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday. Hello Dali will perform from 7 to 8 and Elsinore from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission is free.

## Residence halls provide students with reasons to cram

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"It's the most wonderful time of the year," so students cannot help but be jolly in spirit.

Those wonderful feelings stem from the fact that the holidays bring a month long break needed to wind down after a hectic semester. Students get the chance to pack up and head home to home-cooked meals with family and friends.

The one factor that would bring a damper to this sudden case of holiday cheer is the dreadful mental obstacle course that brings the semester to a close-- finals.

Finals week is the most stressful week in a college student's life next to graduation week. Whether the exams are comprehensive or in essay form, finals week calls for college students to do the unthinkable-- study.

The music goes off, out comes the No-Doz

and the Pepsi, the pens and the notes. If students live in residence halls, they'll have to deal with intensive quiet hours, and they begin when the clock strikes 12 a.m. Saturday night.

Director of housing and dining Jody Stone says it is "one of the most important things we do. We try to promote an academically conducive environment." That academic environment means only two and a half hours of relief hours.

After five minutes, the silence becomes annoying and things seem much louder than they actually are.

For those students that live in the halls, there is a break during studying designed to perk the interest of any student. The majority of the residence halls on campus put together a collaboration of different foods for each night of finals week.

Stone said many halls would have exam snacks in the evening. "A bunch of halls will

have activities this weekend and throughout the week," she said.

"The money comes from hall council, so they have the say in what foods the money is spent on," said Tracy Cunningham, resident director of Taylor Hall.

According to Cunningham, the resident assistants are given \$30 for food for the entire week. In Carman and Thomas Halls, the R.A.s take that money and decide what food they want for their floors.

Resident Assistant Christine Henderson, a senior sociology major, is organizing a karaoke night for her residents Saturday at Weller Hall that will include pizza.

"I wanted to kind of give them a study break because finals week starts the next day and most people will be cramming on Sunday," Henderson said.

Many residence halls pool all the money from each floor together in order to get better

quality and quantity. Douglas Hall residents can snack and watch football, said Associate Resident Director and graduate student Jason Taylor.

Brittany Leslie, McKinney Hall council president, said their hall is having an Iron Chef competition at 7 p.m. to cook and eat away the stress before finals. A male team will compete with a female team to sway the three judges over.

"I loved finals week in Lawson," said Dontrese Thomas, a junior special education major. "The break between studying to eat always came at the right time, and there was always a different variety of foods each night."

The foods range from subs on Monday night, pizza on Tuesday night, dip and carrots on Wednesday, etc.

"We know that everyone is not going to like junk food, so we try to have a balance of the two," said Cunningham.

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# Rockin' the Jukebox

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The Jukebox Jamboree celebration at the 7th St. Underground will unite students and community members who have worked in previous weeks to support the Toys for Tots drive.

"This is a great way to let them sit back and see the fruits of our efforts," said Tony Kwiatkowski, a graduate assistant at the Student Life Office. "There are nine campus groups who have assisted in the coordination of this drive," Kwiatkowski said.

The event will offer a variety of entertainers such as: Jolie Dancers, Diversity Dancers, DJ Jesse Wu, Eastern Talent Search winners, Rian Jones and Courtney Shepard, the EIU Unity Gospel Fellowship Choir will perform and Sylvia will read her poetry at the Jukebox Jamboree Toys For Tots benefit that the University Board has planned for on Dec. 10 at 7th street underground. The benefit will start at 8 p.m. and end at 2 a.m.

Coordinators suggest that those who attend donate an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Charity.

"There are over 70 boxes throughout the campus and community. We have close to 800 names of children in Coles and its neighboring counties that would like our assistance this holiday season," Kwiatkowski.

Displays of Christmas, Ramadan and Kwanzaa will be shown throughout 7th Street Underground.

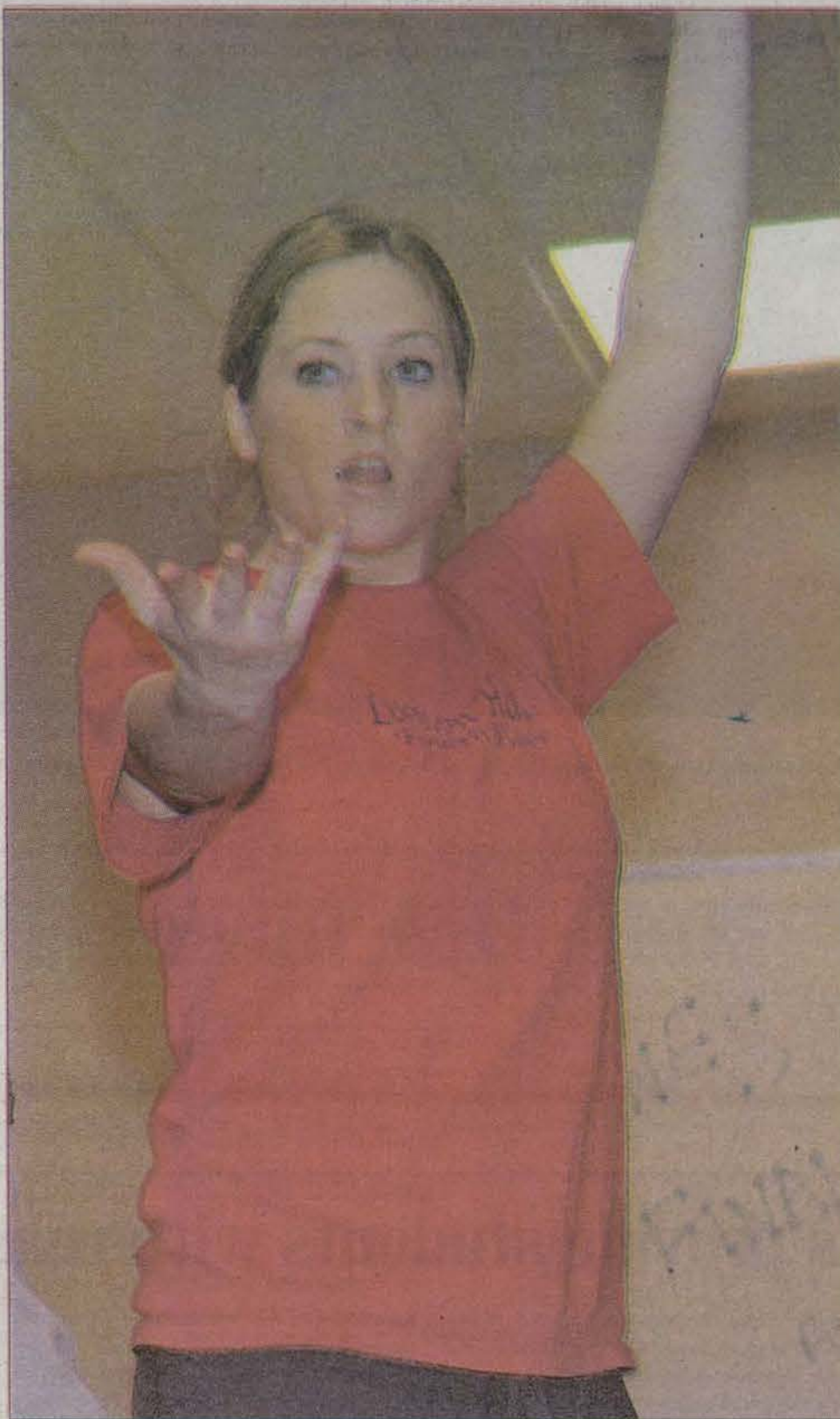
Since the toys are going to children of all different ethnicities and religions, Kwiatkowski, event organizer, thought it'd be a good idea to decorate that part of Union with things from Christmas, Ramadan and Kwanzaa.

"We would like everyone to have the opportunity to learn about different customs and traditions," said Kwiatkowski, a graduate assistant at the Student Life Office.

DJ Jesse Wu will spin off the Jukebox Jamboree benefit with old school to new school hip-hop along with some holiday music. What started out as a hobby for Wu five years ago became a side job. He said he DJs because he wants to share his love for music with the public.

Last year, Wu DJed at the Rhythm and X-tasy opening celebration, the Eastern spring picnic, Black Student Union Homecoming coronation and at the Diversity after party. He used to host WEIU-88.9 FM Outlaw Radio show and also volunteered in Chicago as a DJ for the Boys and Girls Club functions.

Rhythm and X-tasy, a diverse hip-hop dance group, is scheduled performing alongside Wu at



Chelsea Greene, a freshmen undecided major, practices in the Student Rec Center for Rhythm and X-tasy on Tuesday evening.

the jamboree. They created a new routine for the show.

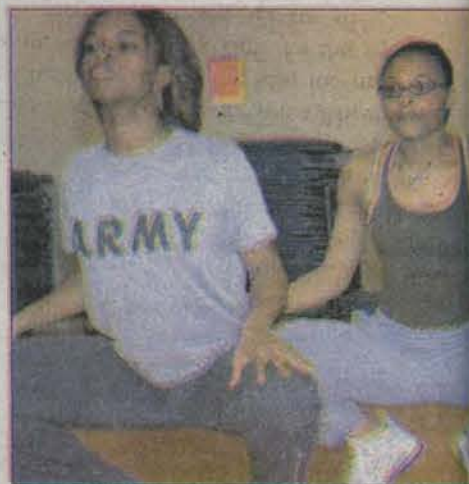
This year, the eight-member dance group performed at Eastern's pep rally.

"It took us a lot of heart to get the group started," said Tracey Wayne, a member of the group. "This is our baby so we try to nurture it."

In April, the group will be hosting their own charity benefit.

"We want to be a group that does something for the community as well," she said.

The dance team practices four to five days a week because they're dedicated to dancing, said Tracy, who is a sophomore finance major.



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Jennifer Ether, sophomore journalism major (L) and Tracey Wayne, a sophomore finance major, practices in the Student Rec Center for Rhythm and X-tasy on Tuesday evening during an all-girls dance.

The Jolie Dancers will be performing to the song "Candy," by Cameo, at benefit, as well as handing out sweets to children in attendance. The dance troupe mostly sticks to hip-hop, but also dances a variety of types of dancing. The Jolie Dancers performed a jazz routine at the Step Show in October, and last year they opened for rapper Twista when he played Eastern.

"(This benefit) is very special to me because I love kids and I'm basically glad to be part of something that helps other people," said Kirsten Buerster, the group's head choreographer and a junior marketing major.

The diversity of the group is visible on the outside, said Buerster, but on the inside they all share a love for dancing.

A third dance act, the Diversity Dancers, are scheduled to perform.

As parents walk, in they can register their children for the Diversity Dancers to teach their children a 15-minute routine. The dance will consist of simple steps and clapping, said Danielle Spivey, a member of the Diversity Dance team. The dance team will perform a combination of a hip-hop and modern dance.

The purpose of Diversity is not only to dance, Spivey said, but also to reach out to the community and help the less fortunate.

Up-and-coming campus performers won't have spots at the Jukebox Jamboree in a recent competition.

Last weekend's Eastern Talent Search winner singer/guitarist Courtney Shepard, will perform self-written songs. They are mostly about break ups and love, said Shepard, a junior health studies major.

"They're not angry but reflective songs," she said.

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## Veteran discloses 'Things I know about women'

### GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING

BY COLIN MCAULIFFE



Daniel Worster once wrote "what explains all, explains nothing." With that being said, I've always been skeptical of advice concerning girls, because I realized that people are different and there is no one technique that everyone responds to. However, I've discovered some things about girls that seem to be true for a vast majority.

◆ Wearing sunglasses makes you more attractive. This is based on the same logic as "Distance Distortion

Factor" (the theory that if you tend to see someone from far away, they appear more attractive because your mind makes up the details). This works well with first impressions because if a girl already registers you as a cute boy, even if you are not, they will still be drawn to you. Also make sure you wear a decent pair of sunglasses, it being a well known fact that Oakleys make you look like an asshole.

◆ The statement: "There is someone for everybody" is false. Some people will get two, three or six. Some people won't get anyone. Your potential mate percentage, or PMP, is greatly reduced if you're shy, have face warts or are stricken with sickle cell anemia.

Also don't be yourself if you're a macho jerk or spit when you talk. Try being someone else, like a non-spitter, while you work on improving yourself.

◆ Semi-cute girls are the worst. A lot of times you may be attracted to a girl because of a good haircut or kind smile. But for one reason or another, they aren't cute enough to date. This is a lose-lose situation because you want them to be attracted to you, and if they did like you, you'd only feel miserable that they were not better looking.

◆ Smiling is very important. It introduces you to the girl as a potential suitor, instead of the creepy guy who keeps staring at her.

◆ Why is it that cartoon characters

can wear the same clothes everyday but when I do it I'm a scumbag? Because I am a scumbag. I'm always impressed by how positively girls respond to a boy wearing cologne. I suppose it's because they have very low expectations for guys, while simultaneously tying in some Prince Charming garbage they picked up in some Disney movie.

If you're a college student, you can get away with changing clothes three times a week if you have Monday/Wednesday classes and Tuesday/Thursday classes. Also, throw on a collared shirt once in a while. I've worn the same pants for three weeks and then shown up at a

party. By just adding a 3 buttoned shirt to those pants, I had people ask me why I'm dressed up so nice.

◆ If you do dress up like a dumb stereotype (frosted hair, wife beater shirts, Abercrombie gear, hot car, etc.) chances are you will be able to get girls easier. I've seen too many nice girls with jerk-offs for this not to be true. But the quality of girls will be decreased exponentially if you dress like this, not all the time though, and you won't feel as good about yourself.

Editor's note: McAuliffe founded The Guide to Better Living one year ago. The Verge commends McAuliffe for his always humorous and bizarre contributions throughout the year and wishes him